GA-REI
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HAJIME SEGAWA

THERE'S MORE TO REALITY THAN MEETS THE EYE.
FOR ME, HER EXISTENCE...
...REPRESENTED THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN REAL AND UNREAL.

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The Enchained Spiritual Beast
[GA-REI]
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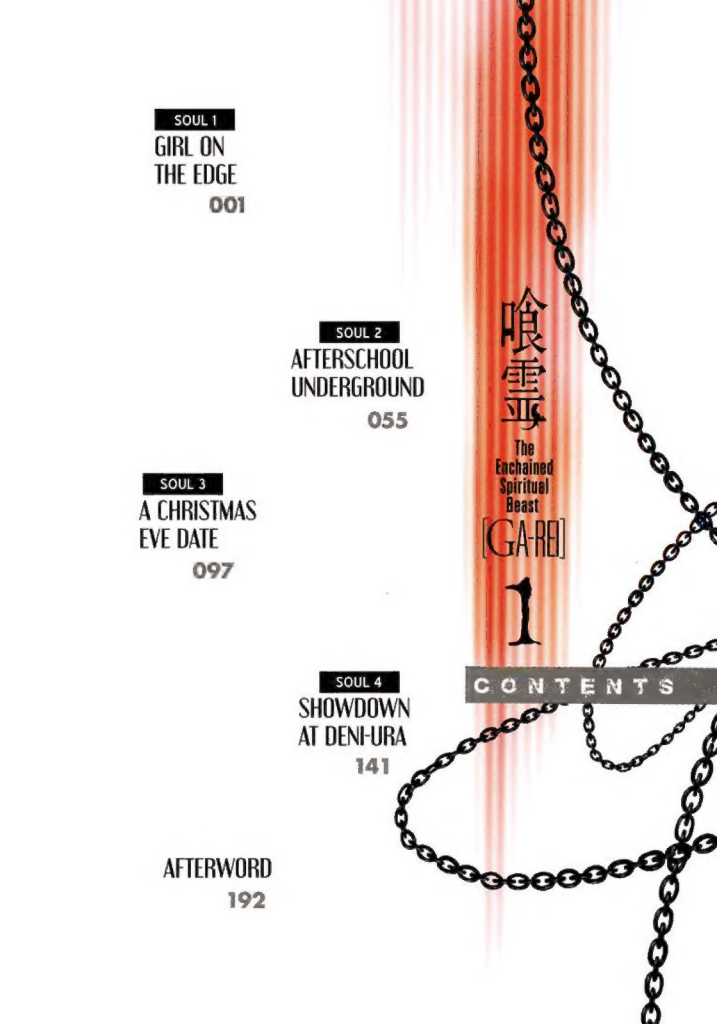

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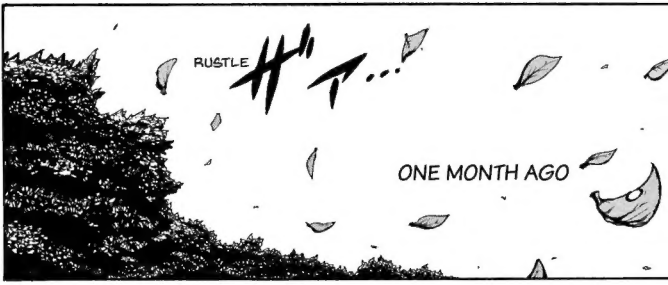
SSSS
SHA-SHING

HISS
THAT'S RIGHT.
KRAK
KRAK
GRO-
WR
BACK THEN, ALL I HAD TO WORRY ABOUT...
FLINK
I UNBIND THEE, GA-REI.
WHOOSH
ROAR
...WERE THE SPIRITS I'VE BEEN ABLE TO SEE SINCE I WAS A KID.
KLAANK

BYAKUEI.
DOOOOOM
THAT IS, UNTIL THE DAY...
...I MET KAGURA.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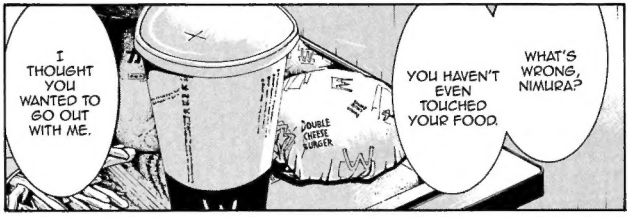
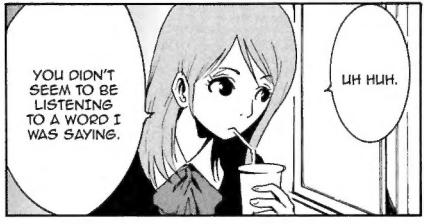
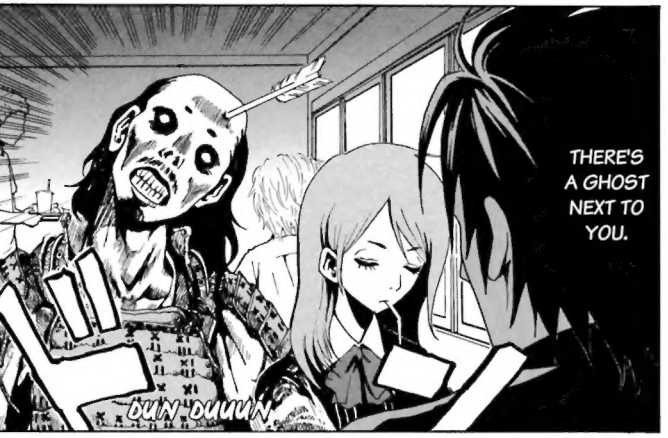
ONE MONTH AGO


WHAT'S WRONG, NIMURA?
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TOUCHED YOUR FOOD.
I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO GO OUT WITH ME.
DOUBLE CHEESE BURGER


UH HUH.
YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO BE LISTENING TO A WORD I WAS SAYING.

CHATTER
HUH?
IT'S NOTHING. I'M JUST NERVOUS.
CHATTER

OH...
SORRY. IT'S JUST ...


THERE'S A GHOST NEXT TO YOU.
DUN DUUUN

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN.
NORRRR
SHE CAN'T SEE IT.
RUMBLE
NO WAY!
LIKE I CAN TELL HER THAT!!
RUMBLE

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR LIFE, YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND!
THIS IS YOUR FIRST DATE EVER!
JUST SUCK IT UP AND IGNORE IT, KENSUKE!

AAAGGGH
にゅるっ
SCHLURP
ｲﾗｲﾗ...
CRINKLE
JUST EAT.
FOCUS ON EATING
--

WHAM
SHUT THE HELL UP!!
KER-KLAAANG

I SEE.
SO THAT'S WHY YOUR GIRLFRIEND SMASHED YOUR PHONE.

I DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN...
DON'T EVER CALL ME AGAIN!!
SMASH
ANO I DOUBT SHE'S EVEN WITH ME ANYMORE.
ガはは
GA HA HA HA
SERVES YOU RIGHT...
...GETTING A GIRL BEFORE ME!

NO GIRL'S GONNA GET HIM.
GIVE IT UP, MAN! REAL MEN DON'T NEED WOMEN!!
WELL WE CAN'T TALK, SEEING AS WE CAN'T SEE GHOSTS...
BUT... I'M SURE THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE THAT'LL GET YOU.

WE WERE ONLY TOGETHER THREE DAYS.
WE DIDN'T EVEN GET TO KISS!

I'M GOING HOME

MAYBE IT'S HIS DESTINY.
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S BAD LOOKING OR ANYTHING.
PSSHT. WHAT A DOWNER.
HE'S TAKING IT PRETTY HARD THIS TIME, TOO.

MY NAME'S KENSUKE NIMURA.
A TYPICAL SLACKER AND HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN.
BACK THEN, I HAD NO IDEA THAT THE GIRL I PASSED ON THE STREET...
...WOULD SET MY FATE IN MOTION.

第一話 境界線の女 キョウカイセンノオンナ

I KNOW...
BUT SCHOOL HAS BEEN AWKWARD.
...
EVER SINCE THE CALLIGRAPHY TEACHER HAD THAT FREAK OUT...
YOU! YOU'RE POSSESSED BY SPIRITS!
MY INNER EYE KNOWS ALL.
IT'S WEIRD GOING THERE NOW.
I WISH I COULD TRANSFER.
HM.
ポキ SNAP

ガヤ
CHATTER
ガヤ
CHATTER
THESE NEW PHONES ARE EXPENSIVE!
DAMN IT!
GET A NEW PHONE IN 15 MINUTES

SOME PLACE THAT ISN'T HAUNTED...
I WONDER IF THOSE EVEN EXIST. PROBABLY NOT.
AND NO ALLOWANCE LEFT TO BURN!
SIGH
MAYBE I SHOULD GET A PART-TIME JOB.

DRAAAG
OR I COULD TRY TO MAKE THE BEST OF MY POWER.
I COULD BECOME A SPIRIT MEDIUM ON TV.
URRGH
IF I LEAVE THEM ALONE, THEY'LL LEAVE ME--
SST
OKAY, CALM DOWN. JUST IGNORE IT.
I'M TIRED OF CAUSING SCENES. JUST LEAVE HERE QUIETLY.
OOOOH
ALL RIGHT, CHILDREN. GATHER ROUND.
DON'T GET SEPARATED.

DOOOM
NUAGYAAH

GWAAH
WHO THE HELL IS THAT?!
ピクッ
TWITCH
OOOOH
HM?
WHINE
CAN HE SEE ME?
SHUDDER

SCRATCH
COME TO THINK OF IT, IT'S SNACK-TIME, ISN'T IT?
GRIND
SKRITCH
WHOA, BACK UP. WHAT'S GOING ON?
THEY WANT BLOOD?!
ROOOOOAR
MOVE! GET MOVING!
RUN!
DASH
NA-HAAA
GET HIM!

WHISSING
VOOM!
THE DEATH AMULET IS RESO-NATING.
IS YOMI NEARBY?
VOOM
AWAAAAGH!
THEY'RE GOING TO KILL ME!

BAM

!!
BAM

CRASH

HUH ?!
フア
Fwoo

...TASTED LIKE BLOOD.
YEP.
MY VERY FIRST KISS...

SMASH
KER-CHUNK
Ow!
OH... OH NO! I HIT SOMEONE!
SKIIID

ARE ...
I'M SO SORRY.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SKUFF
CRUMBLE
UGH.
WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?
MY WHOLE BODY ACHES.
UM...

STARE
I'M...
I'M GREAT!
BAM
HUH?
R-REALLY? NO WAY...
HOW CAN YOU BE FINE? I MEAN, YOU'RE BLEEDING ALL OVER!
YEAH.
UM...
I NEED TO CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!
HUH? WHAT AM I DOING?
I MEAN, SHE IS KIND OF MY TYPE.
WHY IS MY HEART HAMMERING?
BUT...

!!
SCHLOOP
KEH HEH HEH
GYAAAHH!
DASH
HUH?!
THEY'RE CHASING HIM.
HE CAN SEE GHOSTS?!
WAIT...
ZOOM
CHILDRENS' SPIRITS?!

COME BACK!!
OOOOH
SKRITCH
OH?
HE'S STILL RUNNING.
AND HE'S LEADING THE CHILDREN THERE, TOO.
THANKS FOR SPARING ME THE TROUBLE!
OOOOH

GASP
PANT
DID I LOSE THEM?!
I WONDER WHAT THEY WERE DOING OUT IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.
I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH A SINISTER AURA BEFORE.
IT'S LIKE THOSE KIDS WERE MONSTERS OR SOMETHING.

IS THIS SOME KIND OF NIGHTMARE?!
NOT TO MENTION GETTING HIT BY THAT SCOOTER.

...
OH YEAH! BACK THERE...

SHH
I'M SORRY. BE QUIET!
NGAAAH!
TMP
AHA!
FOUND YOU!

!!
OOOOH
...

IT'S AS IF ALL THE SPIRITS NEARBY...
...ARE SOMEHOW DRAWN IN TO THIS PLACE.
THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THIS BUILDING.
SKRAPE

HEY!
TMP
STAY THERE! I'M GOING TO GO CHECK IT OUT!
I'LL BE BACK SOON.
OI!

SPIRITS? YOU MEAN YOU CAN SEE THEM, TOO?
WHAT'S GOING ON -

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
IS SHE SERIOUSLY GOING IN THERE ALONE?
ROOOOOAR
FOOSH
THIS... IS...
CLOMP
CLOMP

AM I STILL...
OOOOH
...IN THE REAL WORLD?!
SKRE-EECH
GLOOP
ゴボ
HISS
HEY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN DEAL WITH THE LIKES OF THAT!
YOU GO ON AHEAD. I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THESE GUYS.
SAY WHAT?!

I WAS SENT OUT TO INVESTI-GATE.
WE GOT REPORTS OF PEOPLE GETTING ATTACKED BY THE SPIRITS OF CHILDREN.
IT WAS TWO OR THREE DAYS AGO.
THAT SWORD IS THE EPI-CENTER.
GRASP
INVESTI-GATE?!
AT THIS RATE, THEY'LL COALESCE INTO A GIANT GHOUL.
SOMEONE IS GATHERING SPIRITS TO THIS ONE PLACE.
I'M NOT SURE WHY, BUT...

CRINKLE
I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS, BUT...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO STICK AROUND, CLOSE YOUR EYES.
SNAP
I'LL HAVE THIS CLEANED UP IN 5 SECONDS FLAT.
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO EXORCISE THAT THING?
HUH?!
WHAT?!
SWISH

SHE'S PLAYING ME FOR A FOOL!
WHAT?!
I'M A HIGH SCHOOL FRESH-MAN.
UM, HOW OLD ARE YOU ANYWAY?
I CAN'T FIND MY GROOVE IF I DON'T EAT!
LEAVE THIS TO ME. I'M USED TO DEALING WITH THIS STUFF.
WE'RE GET-TING OUT OF HERE.
AND LIKE, HOW CAN YOU EAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!
HEY! YOU DON'T BE-LIEVE ME, DO YOU?
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN "LEAVE IT TO ME?"
MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE FREAKING OUT.
HOW CAN SHE BE SO BLASÉ ABOUT THIS?
DON'T TELL ME SHE'S REALLY...

SH TEN DOIHZ
BLEECH
SPLASH
!!

EEEWWWW!
GROSS!
SQUELCH
UGH.
TUG
TUG
IT'S HARDENING!!
I CAN'T COMPLETE THE SEAL!
TUG
CRACK
DUN DUUUN
NO WAY!
SHE'S STUCK?!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? RUN!
WHAAAAT?!

GAAAH
HASTA LA VISTA BABY
SHTEN-DOHZ!
MAAA AAM MAA AAA
SLIIING
I CAN'T BREAK IT APART WITH MY HANDS!
DAMN IT.
WHAT ...
FORGET ABOUT ME! RUN!
SHUTE
...AM I DOING HERE?!
WHAT THE HELL...
AARGH, I WANT TO RUN!
SHUT UP! THAT'S MY LINE!
JUST GO! DO YOU WANT TO DIE?!
BUT I CAN'T.

AND ANOTHER THING!
YOU NEARLY RAN ME OVER!
SO DON'T GO SAYING ...
CRASH
... RAN-DOM STUFF LIKE ...
...
I'M SURE THERE IS...
... SOMEONE OUT THERE THAT'LL GET YOU.

A SWORD?!
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE IT TO...
WAAAAHH
SHTEN
GRR ...
DAMN IT!!!
GAAAH
GRAB
SHTEN-DOHZI

WHA...
LIKE I'M REALLY GONNA...
DAMN IT ALL!
...LEAVE A GIRL ALONE IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS!!
BESIDES, I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE...
GRAB
...WHO CAN SEE THIS MONSTER.
ARGH

BOOM
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN INTERVENE.

HURRY!
JUST ONE HAND IS FINE.
CUT ME LOOSE!
PUG

I UNBIND THEE, GA-REI.

OOOOH
BOOM

BYAKUEI!
KA-

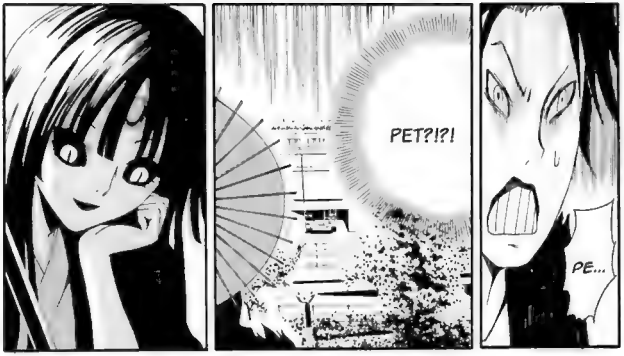
W-WHAT ...
WHAT IS THAT THING?!
CRUSH
IT'S...
... DEVOURING IT!!
AAAAAAGH!!

BAAAAAHHHHH!
KRUNCH

HE DIDN'T RUN AWAY.
IF ONLY THERE WERE OTHERS AS COURA-GEOUS AS HIM...
...SCHOOL MIGHT ACTUALLY BE KIND OF FUN.

...!
M
MONSTER

OH.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.
HE'S MY PET.


PET?!?!
PE...

オオ
OOOOH

A FEW DAYS LATER
I'LL CALL AN AMBU-LANCE.
GET YOURSELF TO A HOSPITAL, OKAY?
DON'T MENTION THIS TO ANYONE UNTIL THEN.
I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU IN A FEW DAYS.
MY BODY'S A MESS.
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
YEAH, LIKE ANYONE WOULD BELIEVE ME.

IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
JUST DON'T THINK ABOUT IT.
YEAH.
IS IT JUST ME OR IS KENSUKE MORE DEPRESSED THAN USUAL?
AT THIS POINT I'VE...
...ALREADY CROSSED THE LINE.
ザワ
MURMUR
ALL RIGHT EVERYONE, SETTLE DOWN.
ザワ
MURMUR
BUT NOW THAT I THINK BACK ON IT...
I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A TRANSFER STUDENT.

...THE BOUNDARY SEPARATING...

...THIS WORLD FROM THE UNDERWORLD.

MY NAME IS KAGURA TSUCHIMIYA.

END

[GA-REI]*02

I HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING WELL FOR A WHILE NOW.

THERE WAS A HUGE SPIRIT OF A BABY,LIKE NOTHING I'VE SEEN IN THIS WORLD...

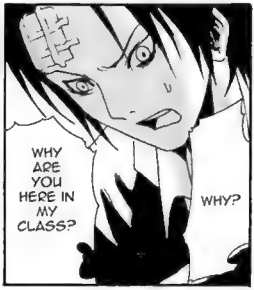
KRAK
KRAK
GWAH
A DRAGON-LIKE BEAST THAT DEVOURED IT WHOLE.
AND IT WAS COMMANDED BY A MYSTERIOUS GIRL.
WE WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS BEFORE I COULD GET HER NAME.

BUT NOW, FOR SOME REASON...
MY NAME IS KAGURA TSUCHIMIYA. I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL.
I HOPE WE CAN BE FRIENDS.
第2話
ホウカゴ・アンダーグラウンド
放課後地下世界
SOUL 2: AFTERSCHOOL UNDERGROUND

SHE'S IN THE SAME CLASSROOM WITH ME.
CLATTER
CALM DOWN. JUST CALM DOWN!!
NO WAY! IS THIS A COINCI-DENCE ?!
おぉ
OOH.
SHE'S CUTE...

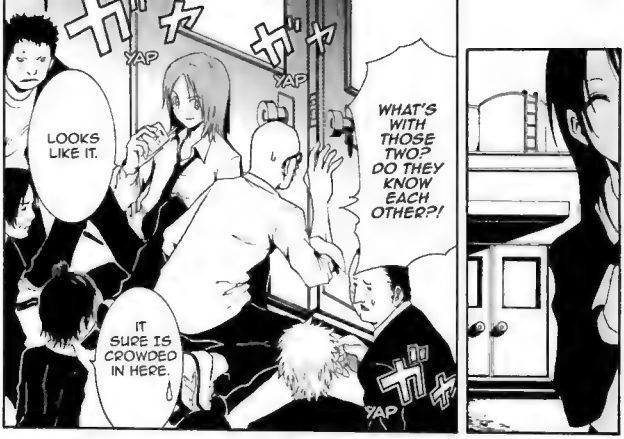
WHAT THE HELL...
...HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?!
BAM

AH, SORRY! I MEANT TO TELL YOU AFTER I GOT IN TOUCH WITH YOU.
WERE YOU SUR-PRISED?

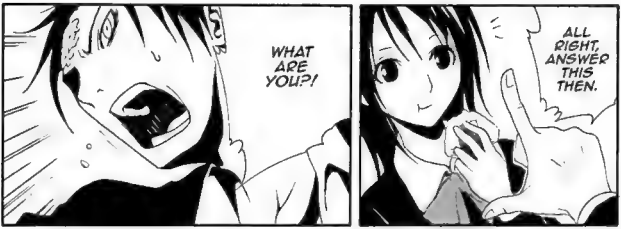

WHY ARE YOU HERE IN MY CLASS?
WHY?

EEK
WHOA.
MOTIVE ?
WHAT'S YOUR MOTIVE?
THIS ISN'T SOME PRE-MEDITATED CRIME, IS IT?!
WHY WOULDN'T I BE?!

UM, TO PUT IT SIMPLY ...
...I WANTED TO...
BUT IN A NUTSHELL...
WELL, I HAVE A FEW MOTIVES.
TRY BEING...
... FRIENDS.
WHUT?!


YAP
YAP
YAP
LOOKS LIKE IT.
IT SURE IS CROWDED IN HERE.
WHAT'S WITH THOSE TWO? DO THEY KNOW EACH OTHER?!

THREATENING
REALLY?
THAT'S THE LAST...
...ANSWER I WAS EXPECTING.
FRIENDS?
FRIENDS, YOU SAY?


WHAT ARE YOU?!
ALL RIGHT, ANSWER THIS THEN.

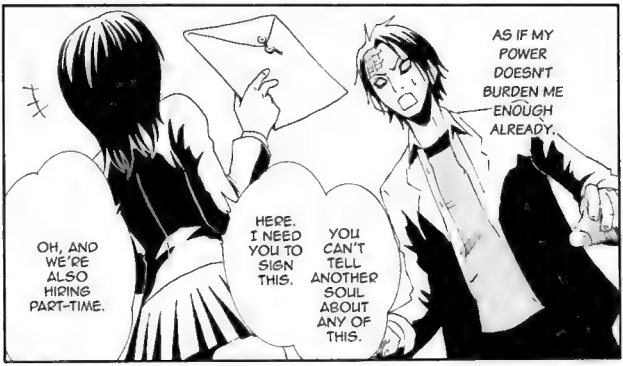
HASTA LA BABY
ARE THOSE GHOULS OR SOMETHING?!
THAT BABY AND THAT WHITE DRAGON THING.
BA-BAM!

GETTING COZY WITH A PRETTY LITTLE THING LIKE HER...
DAMN IT, KENSUKE. HOW DARE YOU?!

GHOUL?
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ONE WAY TO PUT IT.
THEY'RE GHOSTS. NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T SEE THEM.

A RIVER OF SOULS FLOWS ACROSS THE EARTH. RESTLESS SPIRITS LEAVE THAT FLOW AND MERGE.
THAT GIANT INFANT WAS AN AMALGAM OF MANY ABANDONED BABIES. AN EVIL DEMON, IF YOU WILL.
THE CHARACTERS USED TO WRITE "DEMON" AND "ABANDONED" ARE RELATED, I THINK.
THEY'RE A KIND OF NATURAL DISASTER.
NATURAL DISASTER?!
YES.
MY FAMILY USES SPIRITUAL BEASTS TO PACIFY THOSE SPIRITS.
WE'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT FOR AGES.
HOLD ON!!

UH HUH.
...THE GOV-ERN-MENT?
DID YOU JUST SAY...
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT'S (M.O.E.) SECRET ORGANIZATION.
THE SUPERNATURAL DISASTER TASK FORCE.
THIS GIRL'S GOT A SCREW LOOSE.
UMM, YEAH.


AS IF MY POWER DOESN'T BURDEN ME ENOUGH ALREADY.
YOU CAN'T TELL ANOTHER SOUL ABOUT ANY OF THIS.
HERE. I NEED YOU TO SIGN THIS.
OH, AND WE'RE ALSO HIRING PART-TIME.

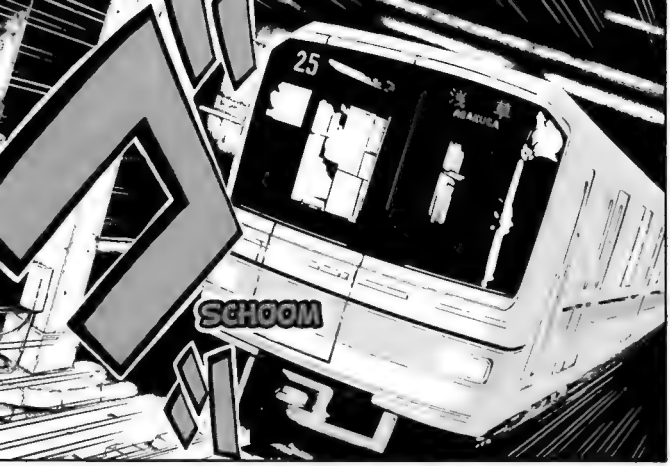
THIS GIRL'S DANGER-OUS.
I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW...
ALMOST LIKE A NATURAL DISASTER HERSELF!!

ACTUALLY, YOU CAN COME WITH ME IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.
I'VE GOT A JOB LINED UP AFTER SCHOOL.
IF YOU'RE FREE...
HUH?
A JOB AFTER SCHOOL?!
IT'S NOT THAT DANGER-OUS TODAY, EITHER.
IT'S PER-FECT!
UM ... I...

...
!!
OR... DID YOU ALREADY HAVE PLANS?
GAH! MY HEART IS TWINGING!
THUMP
WHAT IS THIS FEELING?
I FEEL LIKE SHE'S ASKING ME OUT.
SLOW DOWN, HEART!!
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
DON'T BE FOOLED!!
YOU CAN'T MAKE THE WRONG CHOICE HERE.
GWOOSH

FWAP
WHOA!

...PLANS.
I DON'T HAVE ANY...
NO.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SCHOOM

WHY DO I LET HER LEAD ME AROUND?
DO I LIKE HER?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

CLANGITY CLANG

I'M SO PATHETIC.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PERFORMING EXORCISMS?
SO, LIKE...
CLANG
CLANGITY
HMM
IT'S BEEN ABOUT A YEAR NOW.
I DO TWO OR THREE A WEEK.
I'M STILL A STUDENT, SO I ONLY DO IT PART-TIME.
AND YOU'VE HAD THAT WHITE MONSTER SINCE THEN?
YEAH.
BYAKUEI IS ACTUALLY A SPIRITUAL BEAST THAT WAS WORSHIPPED AS A DOG DEITY.
MY ANCESTOR ENCHAINED HIM WITHIN HIS BODY. HE'S BEEN BOUND TO OUR FAMILY EVER SINCE.

...
YOU MEAN...
YOU HAVE TO BE CHAINED TO HIM NO MATTER WHAT?
THAT'S WHY MY SOUL IS CHAINED TO BYAKUEI.
WELL, HE'S PROTECTED THE CITY FOR AGES NOW.
CLANG
SOMEONE HAS TO LOOK AFTER HIM.
PLUS, HE CAN BE CUTER THAN YOU'D THINK.
CLANG
HE TRIES TO BREAK FREE WHENEVER HE GETS HUNGRY.
TO KEEP HIM CHAINED, I HAVE TO FEED HIM SPIRITS.
... KAGURA...
ARE YOU READY?

THIS IS...
...THE BURDEN BORNE FOR 1000 YEARS...
...THAT THE HEAD OF THE TSUCHIMIYA FAMILY MUST BEAR.

I GUESS ...
...HER FAMILY'S GOT A LOT OF BAGGAGE.
....
CHATTER
OH YEAH!
HERE. I HAD THE OFFICE HOLD ONTO IT UNTIL NOW.
CHATTER
CHATTER
GAH!
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL NEED IT.
OH, BUT DON'T UNSHEATHE IT HERE.
YOU DO KENDO, RIGHT NIMURA? THINK OF IT AS SELF-DEFENSE.
MICHIE

TA-DA
THE PNEUMATIC, ANTI-DEMON BLADE: MICHAEL MARK 12!
THE TRIGGER ON THE GRIP RELEASES THE BLADE, SO BE CAREFUL.

BE CAREFUL, SHE SAYS.
HOW DID YOU KNOW I DID KENDO?
WAS SHE PLANNING ON BRINGING ME ALL ALONG?!
BAM

OOOOH

IT'S AN ABANDONED TRAIN STATION.
WHAT IS THIS PLAT-FORM?
THE AIR FEELS HEAVY.

BZZT
NORMALLY IT'S SEALED OFF FROM THE PUBLIC, BUT...
IT WAS CLOSED DOWN BEFORE THE WAR.
FLICKER

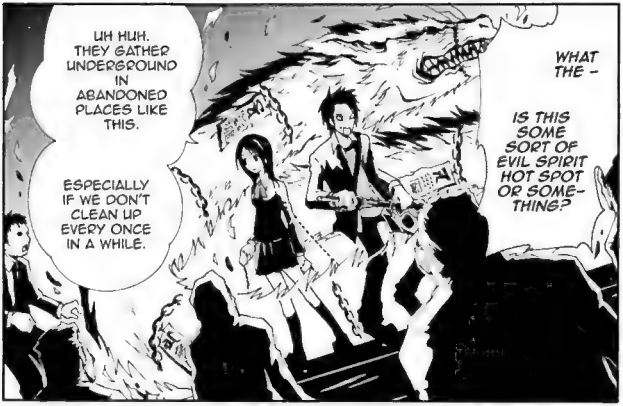
SST

I UNBIND THEE, GA-REI.
OOOOH

BYAKUEI.
SHREEK

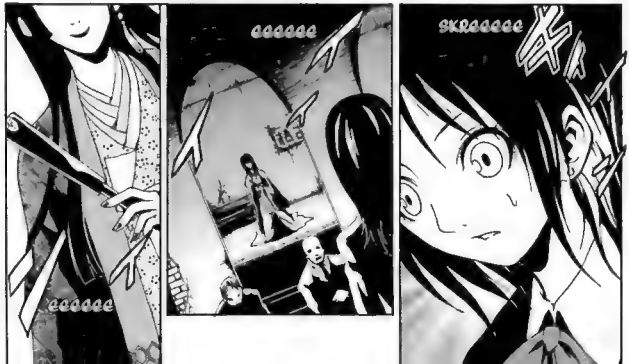
WHOA!
AN INSTANT KILL?!

GRAAAR
AAARRGH


UH HUH. THEY GATHER UNDERGROUND IN ABANDONED PLACES LIKE THIS.
ESPECIALLY IF WE DON'T CLEAN UP EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.
WHAT THE -
IS THIS SOME SORT OF EVIL SPIRIT HOT SPOT OR SOMETHING?

IT MIGHT BE MY IMAGI-NATION.
BUT THE MIASMA SEEMS THICKER THAN BEFORE.

OOOOOH
SOUNDS LIKE WIND...
IS IT A TRAIN?
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
WOOOOOO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SKReeeee

ROAR
eee
YOMI!!!
GET DOWN!
WHOOSH

BOOM
SCHING

BA-BOOM
AUGH
ROAR

A SICKLE FOX!!
WHAT IS SUCH A POWERFUL SPIRIT DOING HERE?
WHAT?!
WHAT IS THAT?!
...
TMP
...KNEW I WAS COMING AND SET IT LOOSE ON ME.
SHE'S GONE! DON'T TELL ME YOMI...

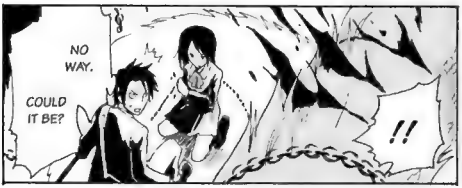
GET BEHIND ME!
ROAR
FWOOSH
NGAH

KREEK
ROAR
WOOSH
SWISH
DAMN!
IT'S USING THE WIND SHIRO CREATES AGAINST US.
HISS

SPATTER

GET DOWN! IT'S DANGER-OUS!
SORRY.
I'M FINE...

HEY!!


NO WAY.
COULD IT BE?
!!

THE WHITE MONSTER'S WOUNDS...
...ALSO AFFECT HER?
MY SOUL IS...
...CHAINED TO SHIRO'S.
KREEK
OOOOH

BAM
OOOOH
SCREECH
...!
NO...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ?!
AT THIS RATE --

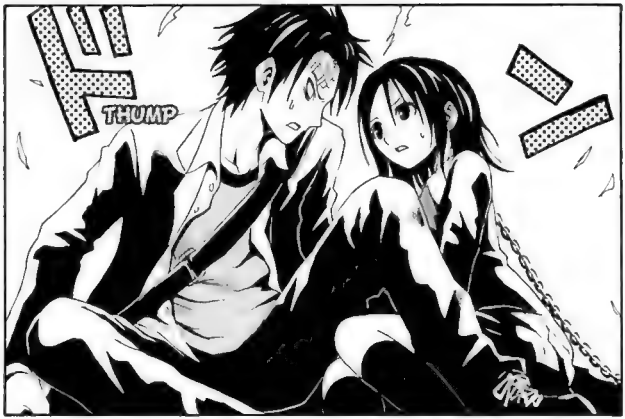
SLAM
ROAR
...
DAMN IT!
SHING
I CAN'T JUST...
KLIK
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE!!

...WATCH HER DIE.
YAAAH
NIMURA!
SCHNIK
SHREEK

AAAACH
WHOA
SHING
BOOM
SLAM

YEOW!
SKRAAAAPE
...
OOOWWW!
AAAAGH!
WHAT'S WITH THIS SWORD?
SO MUCH POWER...
SIZZ
バヴィッ

SHE MADE IT SOUND SOOO EASY!
AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED!!
THAT'S IT! I'M GOING HOME!


THUMP

IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS.
I'M SORRY, NIMURA.
...!
SHE'S SO CLOSE!!

BA-DUMP
NO...! MY WILL-POWER...
NGRRRGH
DUN DUUUN
MICHAEL'S A REALLY PICKY SWORD.
BUT THAT WAS IMPRES-SIVE.
BUT THAT POWER... IS YOUR SHOULDER OKAY?
BA-DUMP
PERFECTLY FINE.
I'M
YEAH.

WHY... WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
I JUST WANTED TO TAKE HER HOME BECAUSE SHE WAS HURT AND ALL.

JUST WHERE...

...AM I BEING DRAGGED TO THIS TIME?

END

[GA-REI]*03

* OI AND SHIBAURA ARE NAMES OF PLACES IN TOKYO

KYOKO, PREPARE TO DEFEND WITH YOUR SHIKIGAMI.
SHOOM
SHOOM
THE MINISTRY OF INFRA-STRUCTURE WANTS IT DONE IN FIVE MINUTES.
WE'LL FINISH IT WITH GA-REI BEFORE THE PRESS ARRIVES.
TO DO IT OR NOT TO DO IT...
DRAW THE ENEMY INTO KAGURA'S RANGE.
JUST BECAUSE I CAN SEE SPIRITS...
ROGER!
...I FIND MYSELF TRAINING FOR A PART TIME JOB.
ソース
コロッケ

HE'S THE ONE CAUSING ALL THESE VEHICLE FIRES LATELY.
TARGET CONFIRMED. I KNEW IT...
VROOM
WHAM
WHOOSH
GAAAHH

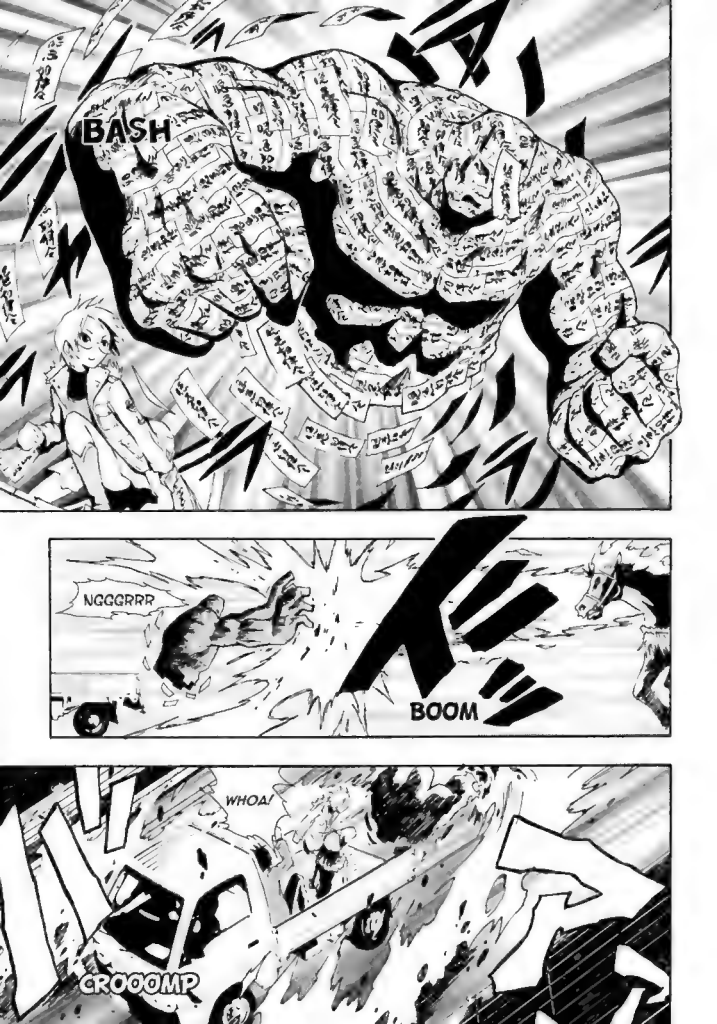
BURN
HIGHWAY STAR
BURNING CHARIOT

VROOOOM
WHOOSH

HYAAH!
BOOM

TAKE THIS!
FLAP

WHOA


BASH
NGGGRRR
BOOM
WHOA!
CROOOMP

CRREEAAK
THAT'S ONE TOUGH SHIKIGAMI.
WHAP
!!
I UNBIND THEE, GA-REI.

BYAKUE!!
WHAM

CRUNCH
...
CRASH
CRREEAAK
SMASH

HEY KENSUKE.
YOU DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF!
HA!
AAAHH
...AS YOU CAN PROBABLY GUESS...
I MEAN...
...I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THIS JOB AT ALL.
YOU JUST HAVE TO GET USED TO IT.

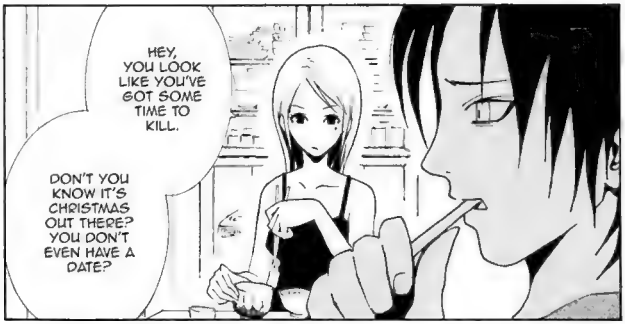
SOUL 3: A CHRISTMAS EVE DATE

第3話 クリスマス・デート

24・5の迷路

LOST IN A MAZE

WELL...
IT'S MY FAULT FOR BEING WISHY WASHY.
YAWN
OR COULD IT BE THAT MYSTERIOUS GHOST WOMAN'S FAULT?
BUT RUNNING INTO KAGURA IS WHAT GOT ME INTO THIS MESS IN THE FIRST PLACE...


HEY, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE GOT SOME TIME TO KILL.
DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS OUT THERE? YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A DATE?

OUR PARENTS ARE OVER-SEAS...
...SO WE'VE GOTTA FEND FOR OURSELVES.
YOU'VE GOTTA THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE ON YOUR OWN.

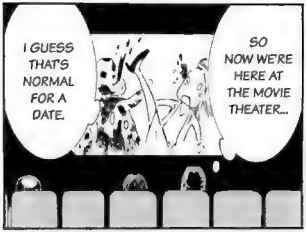
SIGH ...
BRUSH
BRUSH
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...
BRR

CHATTER
CHATTER
HEY HEY! KEN!
...KEN?
SLAM
I DIDN'T KEEP YOU WAITING, DID I?
NO? OKAY, GOOD!
HI...
WHY ARE YOU SO HYPER TODAY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE!

DA-DUM
THIS IS THE ONE DAY THE NATION DOESN'T NEED A REASON TO BE HAPPY!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR YOUTH!
OH MY GOSH! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
WHAT HAS THAT ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU?
TIME'S A WASTING! LET'S GO!
WHAT THE...
HUH?

WE'RE GOING ON A DATE!
NO WAY!
...EXOR-CISING TODAY.
I THOUGHT WE WERE..

AGHHH!


I GUESS THAT'S NORMAL FOR A DATE.
SO NOW WE'RE HERE AT THE MOVIE THEATER...

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NOM
NOM

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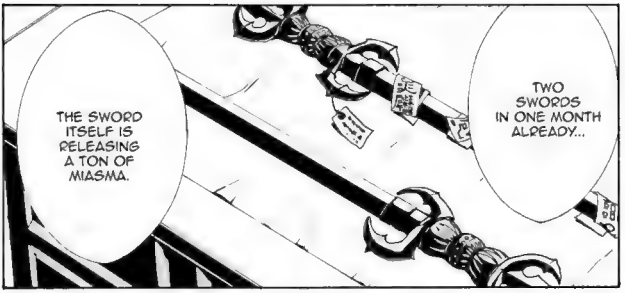
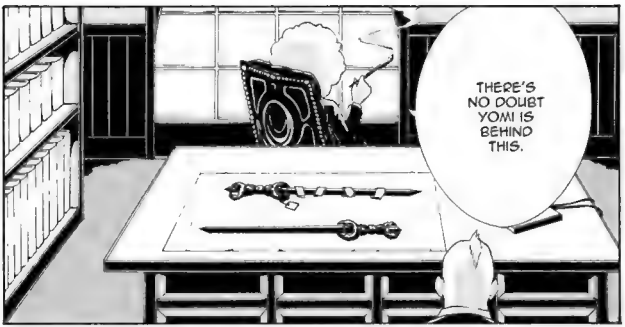
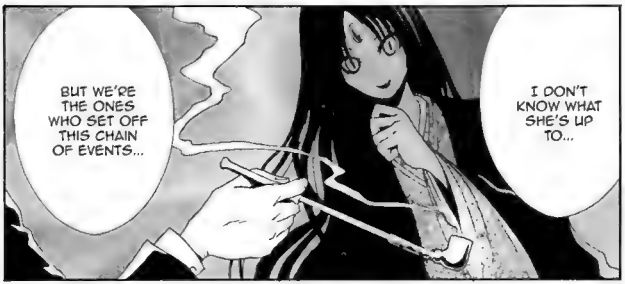
DOOOM
WATCHING A HORROR MOVIE WITH A REAL GHOST SITTING NEXT TO ME...
HOW FITTING IS THAT?

HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN THERE?
USUALLY, I'D JUST KNOCK HER OUTTA THE WAY...
...BUT I CAN'T DO THAT TO A KID...
...

THIS IS THE SWORD THAT WAS FOUND DURING YESTERDAY'S MISSION.
IT WAS STUCK IN A PIER OF THE METROPOLITAN EXPRESSWAY.


TWO SWORDS IN ONE MONTH ALREADY...
THE SWORD ITSELF IS RELEASING A TON OF MIASMA.


THERE'S NO DOUBT YOMI IS BEHIND THIS.


I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S UP TO...
BUT WE'RE THE ONES WHO SET OFF THIS CHAIN OF EVENTS...

YOU MEAN KENSUKE?
WELL, KAGURA SEEMS TO LIKE HIM.
BY THE WAY, IWAHATA.
HOW'S THE BOY THAT KAGURA BROUGHT OVER?
CAN HE BE OF ANY USE?
I GUESS HE CAN PROTECT HER WHEN THE ENEMY GETS TOO CLOSE...
...BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE CAN HELP KEEP KAGURA'S HABIT OF RUNNING OFF ALONE UNDER CONTROL.
IT'S PATHETIC HOW SHORT-HANDED WE ARE.
TRAIN HIM WELL. THE LAST THING WE NEED IS FOR HIM TO DIE.

THUMP
THUNK
WHACK
BANG
CLACK

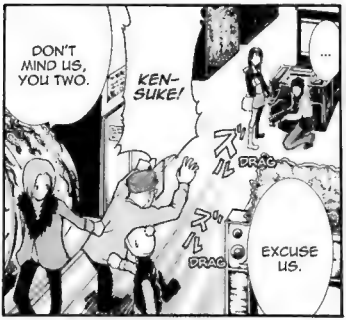
ガヤ
BUZZ
BUZZ
YOU DIED AGAIN, KEN?
NOT MUCH OF A GAMER, HUH?
...
NO, YOU'RE JUST TOO GOOD!

SO YOU'RE INTO GAMES, HUH...
I'LL GIVE YOU THE GRAND TOUR!
KER-CHAK
YOU WON'T BELIEVE HOW MANY GAMES I'VE GOT!
WELL, COME OVER TO MY HOUSE NEXT TIME.

KEN-SUKE ...
DID SHE REALLY ONLY WANT ME FOR A DATE TODAY?

HI, KAGURA.
YOU...
SINCE WHEN...
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE.

HEY GUYS!


DON'T MIND US, YOU TWO.
KEN-SUKE!
...
ズル DRAG
ズル DRAG
EXCUSE US.

SINCE WHEN DID YOU BECOME ...
...SUCH A DIRTY MINDED PERSON?!

HE'S GOT A POINT THOUGH...
IF YOU SAW A GUY AND GIRL SPENDING TIME ALONE ON CHRISTMAS EVE...
...I GUESS YOU WOULD ASSUME THEY WE'RE ON A DATE.
HUH?
IN FACT, SHE IS KIND OF MY TYPE.
IF WE STAYED TOGETHER UNTIL NIGHTTIME, THEN MAYBE...
WE'VE KISSED ALREADY, EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY AN ACCIDENT.

TA-DAH
KENSUKE...
JUST MAYBE...
IT COULD HAPPEN!
せぇあ
SIGH
KAGURA'S DAD?
BUT WHAT ABOUT CURFEWS AND STUFF?
HER DAD MIGHT BE SUPER STRICT.
HOW DOES SHE FEEL ABOUT ME ANYWAY?
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
SHE ASKED ME OUT TODAY...
...AND EVEN TRANSFERRED TO MY SCHOOL.
NOM
NOM

KEN, YOUR PARENTS ARE SWORDSMEN, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE THEY DOING OVERSEAS?

HA HA HA
...
THEY RUN A DOJO.
BUSINESS WASN'T THAT GOOD IN JAPAN, SO THEY MOVED TO ITALY.
PEOPLE LOVE SAMURAI OVER-SEAS...

H-HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
I LOOKED IT UP.
CALL IT AN ABUSE OF AU-THORITY.

I DON'T CARE IF THEY COME BACK OR NOT...
W-WHAT ABOUT YOUR PAR-ENTS?
I... I DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS.
I NEVER REALLY SAW THEM GROWING UP ANYWAY.
PROBING SUBTLY...

I USED TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE A BIG SISTER...
WELL...
NO BROTHERS OR SISTERS?
ゴゴゴ WRRR WRRR
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?!
HAVE I EVER GOTTEN THIS CLOSE BEFORE?!!
IT'S GETTING DARK ALREADY...
DOES THIS MEAN I CAN GO TO HER HOUSE?!

!!
...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
YOUR TIMING COULDN'T BE WORSE!
SO YOU'RE STILL FOLLOWING ME...
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.
I'M SORRY, BUT PLEASE GO AWAY OR REST IN PEACE OR SOMETHING!

SNIFF
URGH
WHAT THE...
WHAAAAA
!!
GUHH
NOOOOOO
WHY? WHAT DID I DO?!
HOLD ON, SORRY.. DON'T CRY!

WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?
STILL SNOOPING
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING. MAYBE THERE'S A GHOST?
I WANNA GO HOME...

FORGIVE ME
STOP CRYING

WAAAAAAAHHH
YOU MADE HER CRY!
UM...
WHY IS IT ALWAYS LIKE THIS?!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...

WHA...
ARE YOU GOING TO USE GA-REI?!

LEAVE IT TO ME, KEN.

SET
OF COURSE NOT.

OH...
I SEE.
IT'S NOTHING IN PARTICU-LAR.
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO, HUH?

NOBODY ELSE NOTICES HER...
I CAN SEE WHY YOU WANTED TO FOLLOW KEN.
...THAT SHE'S BECAME A GHOST.
SHE DOESN'T YET KNOW...
...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...SHE STILL FEELS LOST BECAUSE SHE'S UNEASY ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING.
MAYBE HER DEATH WAS REALLY SUDDEN, LIKE AN ACCIDENT OR SOME-THING.
SO EVEN THOUGH SHE UNDERSTANDS IT...

THERE'S A RIVER OF LIGHT UNDER YOUR FEET.
BUT... ...YOU CAN SEE, RIGHT?
OOOOH
DON'T WORRY.
IT'S NOT A SCARY PLACE.
YOU'RE JUST GOING BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM.
EVERYONE GOES BACK THERE.
YOUR MOM AND DAD WILL BE THERE, TOO, SOMEDAY.

RELAX.
YOU'RE GOING TO A WARM PLACE.
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO SLEEP FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
AUM HA HA HA
VISMAYE SVAAHAA

AAAH

AAH

...SOMEONE CROSSING OVER.
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING...

THERE, THERE.
IT'S DANGEROUS TO WANDER AROUND. SHE MIGHT GET AFFECTED BY MIASMA.
THAT WAS EASY. SHE'S A GOOD KID.

GO AWAY!
LOOKING BACK...
...I WAS ALWAYS PUNCHING THEM OUT...
...OR JUST RUNNING AWAY.

KEN, YOU'RE THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT GHOSTS GO FOR.
I KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHY SHE FOLLOWED YOU.

SILVER IS CALM TOO WHEN YOU'RE AROUND.
PERHAPS YOU HAVE A GIFT.
THANKS, BUT THAT DOESN'T REALLY MAKE ME HAPPY...

IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT JUST ANYBODY CAN DO, YOU KNOW.
BUT IT IS THE REASON WHY I WANT TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

...WHO COULD HAVE HELPED HER OUT.
THINK ABOUT THAT GIRL WE MET TODAY.
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES...

...IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE.
EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...

I'VE GOT MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT THIS.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE SAME FOR HER.
NO, HER BURDEN'S EVEN HEAVIER THAN MINE.
SHE'S PROBABLY HAD A LOT OF BRUSHES WITH DEATH.
BUT STILL...
HOW DO YOU...
...KEEP ON SMILING LIKE THAT?

...
YOU'RE...
...A TOUGH GIRL.
UM. IT'S NOTHING...
?

地下鉄
I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME TODAY.
THANKS A LOT.
WHEN I REALLY THINK ABOUT IT...
...IT'S NOT HER FAULT THAT I GOT INTO THIS MESS.

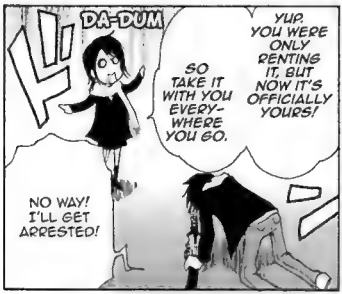
I'LL BRING YOU YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT TOMORROW.
AND I'LL CALL YOU LATER.
SOONER OR LATER...
I MIGHT HAVE FOUND MYSELF HERE ANYWAY.

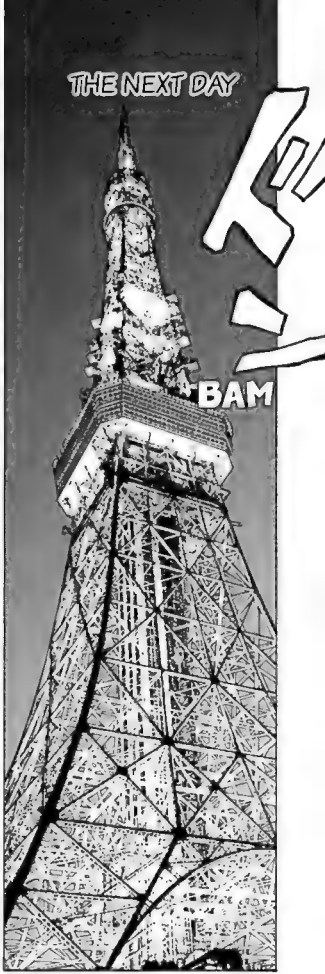
HUH?
TOMORROW ?

SURE ...

TA-DA

IS THAT...
...A PRESENT FOR ME?


DA-DUM
YUP. YOU WERE ONLY RENTING IT, BUT NOW IT'S OFFICIALLY YOURS!
SO TAKE IT WITH YOU EVERY-WHERE YOU GO.
NO WAY! I'LL GET ARRESTED!


THE NEXT DAY
BAM

I KNEW THAT WOULD BE THE PUNCH LINE...

AAAH
WE CAN'T HAVE TOKYO'S MAIN TOURIST ATTRACTION LOOKING LIKE THIS AT THE END OF THE YEAR...
WE'RE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE.
...
...WELL, SOMEHOW IT'S OK WITH ME.

...ABOUT KAGURA, TOO.

END

...KEN
...
[GA-RE]*04
NO! NO!
GOTTA GO BACK TO SLEEP!
...
HUH?
WHY DID I WAKE UP!
FWAP
!!

IT'S FRICKIN' COLD!
LATELY...
...I DREAM ABOUT KAGURA A LOT.
IS IT BECAUSE I SEE HER EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL AND FOR THIS PART-TIME JOB?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

IT'S LIKE THIS AROUND US
EVERY DAY THOUGH...

第四話
デニ裏の決闘
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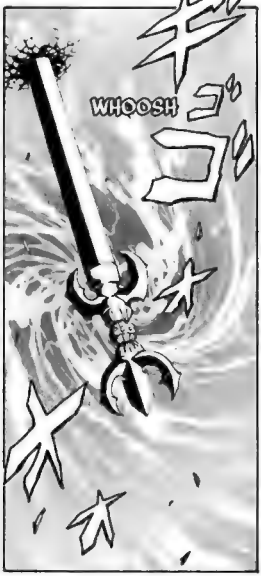
SOUL 4: SHOWDOWN AT DENI-URA

IT'S THAT SWORD AGAIN.


WHOOSH

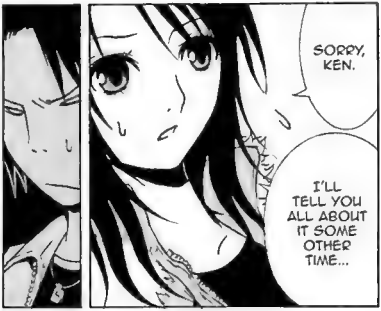
KAGURA, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU.

SINCE THE FIRST DAY WE MET...
...THERE'S BEEN A FEMALE GHOST AND THIS SWORD.
THEY MUST BE RELATED, RIGHT?

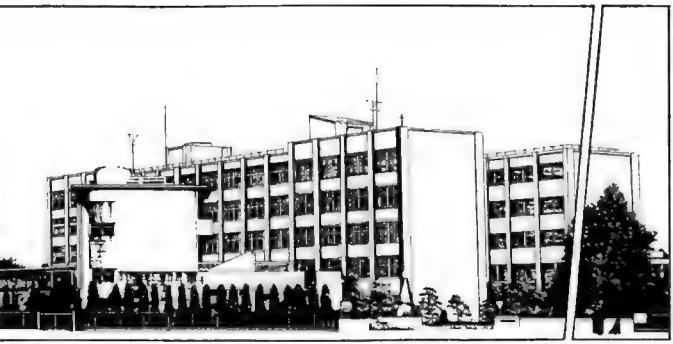
WHAT THE HELL IS SHE?
DOES SHE HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ALL THE WEIRD STUFF HAPPENING IN TOKYO LATELY?
YOU MUST KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

YOU BETTER STOP RIGHT THERE.
THERE'S NO TURNING BACK ONCE YOU HEAR THE TRUTH.

WELL, I ALREADY FEEL LIKE...
...THERE'S NO TURNING BACK.


SORRY, KEN.
I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT SOME OTHER TIME...

SO THE MEMBERS OF THE S.O.T.F. ARE GETTING YOUNGER, HUH?
HMM ...
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A NEWCOMER.



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CHATTER
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CHATTER

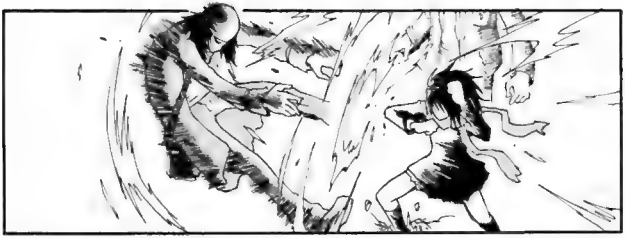
IT'S BEEN ALMOST A MONTH SINCE I STARTED HELPING KAGURA.
THANKS FOR WAITING.
YO.
WE MEET UP AFTER SCHOOL...
...AND DROP BY THE OFFICE.

HUH? NOT AT ALL...
KEN... ARE YOU UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING?
I KIND OF LIKE SPENDING TIME WITH HER LIKE THIS, THOUGH...
YOU THINK SO?
YOU'RE KIND OF QUIET TODAY...
...AND I STILL FEEL LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S TREATED LIKE AN OUT-SIDER.
BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT KAGURA...

WHIIIne
WAS IT JUST MY IMAGINA-TION?
THIS FEELING...?
...
HM?

GRAB
HUH?
I MISSED YOU KAGURAAA!
AAGHHHH!

FWIP
WHAT THE HELL IS HE?!
HEY, YOU...
EEEK
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, LOOK AT THAT!
YOU'RE FINALLY A HIGH SCHOOLER, HUH?
YAY!
SLAM
-HORP



WHAT THE...?

WHUMP
OH, IT'S YOU NORIYUKI... LONG TIME NO SEE.
GAH

Deni
←in
DA-DUM
HEY ...
DO YOU ...
KNOW HIM?!
YOU'VE GROWN INTO QUITE THE YOUNG LADY, KAGURA.
YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S LEGAL FOR US TO DATE NOW.

TA-DA
CHATTER
...
CHATTER
BUZZ
BUZZ
OH
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'VE BECOME THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, HUH?
SAY THAT AGAIN AND I'LL SIC SILVER ON YOU.
HE'LL EAT YOUR SOUL FOR SURE.

KEN, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU.
THIS IS NORIYUKI IZUNA.
NICE TO MEET YOU, KENSUKE.

NORIYUKI KNOWS EVERY-THING.
HE'S AN INFORMANT IN THE EXORCISM TRADE.
GOBBLE
...
WHY DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?

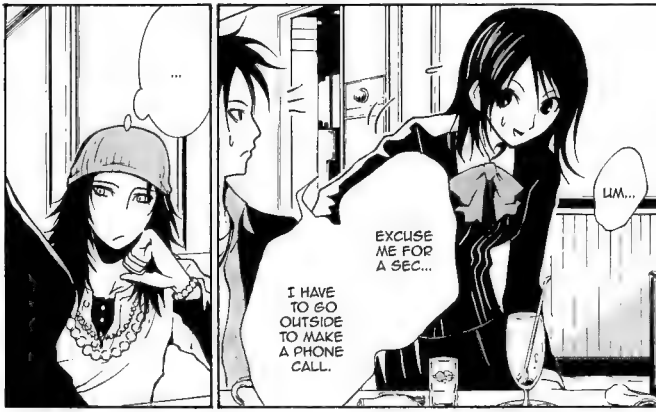
HAHAHA!
I HATE TO GET HURT!
AND HE USED TO BE AN AGENT OF S.D.T.F.
HE TENDS TO RUN AWAY WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THOUGH.

I HEARD YOU WERE WANDERING ALL OVER JAPAN...
...BUT THE RUMORS WERE LESS THAN FLATTERING.
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THESE PAST TWO YEARS?

HAHAHA
LIKE, YOU WERE PRACTICING FAKE EXORCISM...
...OR THAT YOU WERE BEING CHASED BY THE YAKUZA AND POLICE...

WELL, SOME OF THAT RINGS TRUE.
SO YOU ARE BEING CHASED.
IN ORDER TO LIVE A HAPPY, EASY LIFE...
はっ HAHAHA はっ
...YOU SOMETIMES GOTTA DO THE DIRTY WORK.
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO KNOW.
YOU'VE KNOWN HIM FOR A LONG TIME?
YEAH ...
HE WAS CLOSE TO SOMEONE WHO WAS LIKE A BIG SISTER TO ME.

HE USED TO COME OVER TO OUR HOUSE OFTEN.
SO...
WE USED TO TAKE BATHS TOGETHER TOO, REMEMBER?
I WAS SO LITTLE BACK THEN!
I REALLY DON'T LIKE THE LOOK ON HIS FACE.
BUT, NORIYUKI ...
WHIIING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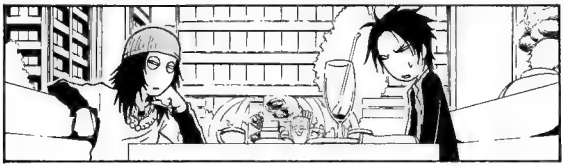
UM...
EXCUSE ME FOR A SEC...
I HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL.



I KNEW SHE'D COME.
KAGURA NEVER CHANGES. SHE ALWAYS TRIES TO TAKE ON THE WORLD HERSELF.

SO, KENSUKE.
HUH?
WHAT THE...
TELL ME...
HOW FAR DID YOU GET WITH KAGURA?
LIKE, ALL THE WAY OR WHAT?
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
HA, DON'T GET UPSET, DUDE.

BUT ONE WORD OF ADVICE.
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO HER.

IF YOU GET TOO INVOLVED...
YOU'RE GONNA WIND UP DEAD SOONER OR LATER.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN...?
WHAT?
SHE'S SO CLOSE.
WHIII

HELLOOO, KAGURA.

EVEN I CAN'T REALLY MESS WITH HER.
DON'T GET ME WRONG...
...I'M NOT TRYING TO BREAK YOU GUYS UP.
...
BUT YOU PROBABLY THINK OF HER AS...
..."A RICH GIRL WHO INHERITED SUPERNATURAL POWERS"...
...OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

BUT YOU'RE WRONG.
THE MIKADO CLAN, ANCESTORS OF THE CURRENT S.D.T.F. CHIEF..
...HAS BEEN PROTECTING THIS COUNTRY SPIRITUALLY FROM ANCIENT TIMES.
KYOKO IS THE GRAND-DAUGHTER OF THE CHIEF.
THE TSUCHIMIYA CLAN HAS EXISTED IN THEIR SHADOW FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY TAKE CARE OF THE ROUGHEST STUFF FROM BEHIND THE SCENES.
THEY GIVE THEIR SOULS TO RETAIN THE POWER OF BYAKUEI... AND THAT'S WHY THEY'RE SO SHADOWY.

A POS-SESSED LINEAGE.
DOG GOD CHARM-ERS.
THE STRONGEST AND MOST OMINOUS SPIRITUAL BEAST...
...IT CAN KILL ITS MASTER IF HE OR SHE MAKES ONE FALSE STEP.

THAT'S WHY...
...IT'S ALWAYS ATTRACTED THE MOST VIOLENT ENEMIES IN EVERY ERA.

KAGURA CAN'T ESCAPE FROM HER FATE...
...AS A HUMAN SACRIFICE NO MATTER HOW YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED SHE IS.

KA-WOOSH

KA-WOOSH

EVER THE PUSHOVER...
DID YOU MISS ON PURPOSE?

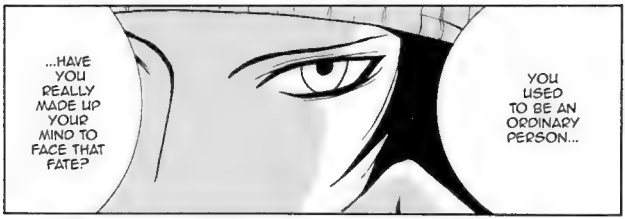
YOMI
...
...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
AND WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING?!

WHIIINE
TSK
DON'T GET SO UPSET.

I JUST CAME TO CHECK THINGS OUT.
OOOOH
IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE WE LAST MET.

SLUUURP
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO?
YOU USED TO ADORE ME LIKE A SISTER.
I'LL FORGIVE YOU FOR WHAT YOU JUST DID TO ME.

QUITE A LOT OF PEOPLE TRY TO STAY AWAY FROM THEM, EVEN IN OUR TRADE.
THEY USUALLY DIE YOUNG, TOO.
THAT'S WHAT IT IS TO BE THE HEAD OF THE TSUCHIMIYA FAMILY.
ANYONE THAT GETS INVOLVED WITH HER HAS DEATH HANGING OVER THEIR HEADS.


...HAVE YOU REALLY MADE UP YOUR MIND TO FACE THAT FATE?
YOU USED TO BE AN ORDINARY PERSON...

...IT'S ONLY US...
...WHO CAN REALLY HELP AND DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT.
SOME-BODY HAS TO TAKE CARE OF...
...

IT DOESN'T MATTER...
...WHAT HER FATE IS.
...
AND SEEING HER DIE IS THE LAST THING I WANNA DO.
I'LL JUST DO WHAT I CAN.

I DON'T CARE WHO THE ENEMY IS.
PROTECTING HER IS WHAT I CAN DO.
I WONDER IF YOU'LL STILL BE SAYING THAT TOMORROW.
BUT DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU DIE.
THERE'S SOMEONE YOU SHOULD MEET.
IF YOU'RE SURE, STEP OUT BACK WITH ME.

KHAM

SLASH
AW...
URGH
GAAH
ARE YOU REALLY HERE TO FIGHT?
I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR NOT SCREAMING, THOUGH.

YOUR ATTACKS ARE ALWAYS STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND REPETITIVE.
...
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN USED HALF OF WHAT YOUR FATHER HAD.
AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PROTECT ANYTHING YOU HOLD DEAR...

YOU ...
THUD
!!

BYAKUEI ...

DAMN YOOOU!
WHAP

CRREEAAK
...LIKE HIM, FOR EXAMPLE.

RUN!!
SHIVER
URGH
FWISH

WHOMP
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
A PIPE FOX...
WOOSH
WOOSH

IZUNA ?!
FWIP
BANG
BANG
I WASN'T EXPECTING TO SEE YOU SO SOON, YOMI.
THUD
...?!

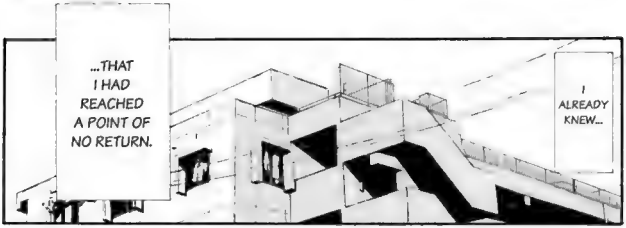
DA-DUM
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY?
YOU WEREN'T PLANNING ON KILLING KAGURA HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE, NOW, WERE YOU?
IZUNA!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
DID YOU SET US UP?!
YOU FOOL.
I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY.

HEH!
WHAT A FRAUD!
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!
NOTHING, REALLY...
BUT THIS TIME...
...I THOUGHT I SHOULD KILL YOU WITH MY TWO HANDS.
I WAS JUST FOLLOW-ING YOMI'S SCENT...
...AND CAME ACROSS YOU GUYS ALONG THE WAY.

...?!
KENSUKE, IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET INVOLVED, REMEMBER THIS...
HER NAME IS YOMI ISAYAMA.
SHE HAS KILLED MORE THAN 70 PEOPLE IN THE EXORCISM TRADE.

SHE'S KAGURA'S FOE...
...'CAUSE SHE KILLED HER FATHER.

KILLED HER FATHER?


...THAT I HAD REACHED A POINT OF NO RETURN.
I ALREADY KNEW...

...IT WON'T AFFECT MY PLANS ANY.
GET ALL THE PEOPLE YOU WANT ON YOUR SIDE...

TAP
YOU BORE ME.

OOOOH
WANT MORE TIME? IT'S YOURS...

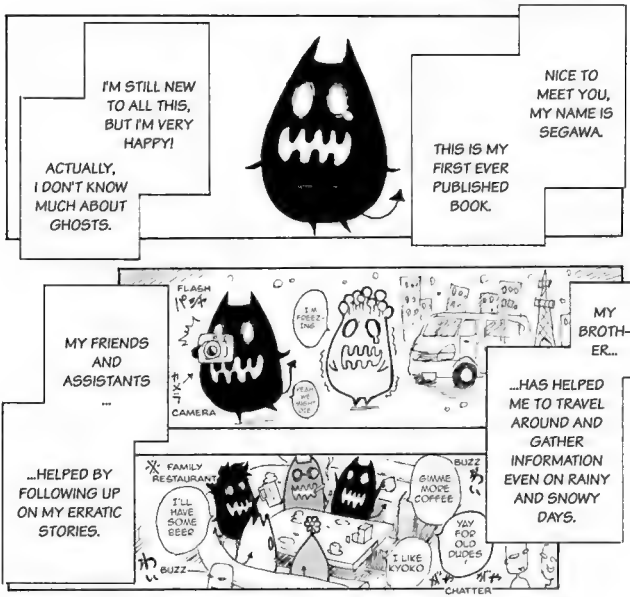
I KNEW I WAS WALKING A PATH OF DESPAIR...
...THE IMPENDING DOOM OF THIS CITY WHILE WE STILL CAN.
THUD
...AND I CHOSE TO STAY THE COURSE.
WHY DON'T WE ENJOY...

THIS DARK WORLD OF BLOODY SLAUGHTER...

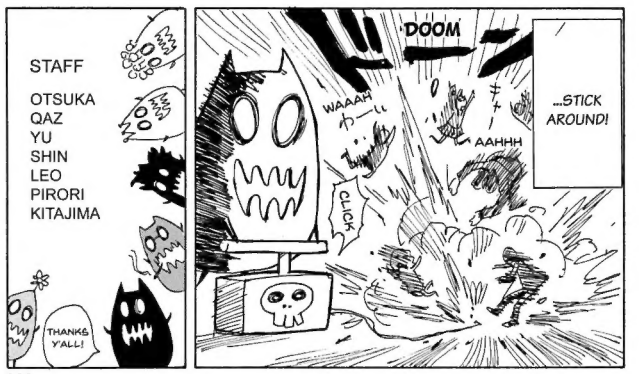
...IS THE BURDEN SHE'S FORCED TO BEAR.

END

to be continued...


I'M STILL NEW TO ALL THIS, BUT I'M VERY HAPPY!
ACTUALLY, I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT GHOSTS.
NICE TO MEET YOU, MY NAME IS SEGAWA.
THIS IS MY FIRST EVER PUBLISHED BOOK.
MY FRIENDS AND ASSISTANTS ...
...HELPED BY FOLLOWING UP ON MY ERRATIC STORIES.
FLASH
CAMERA
I'M FREEZING
MY BROTHER...
...HAS HELPED ME TO TRAVEL AROUND AND GATHER INFORMATION EVEN ON RAINY AND SNOWY DAYS.
FAMILY RESTAURANT
I'LL HAVE SOME BEER
BUZZ
GIMME MOPE COFFEE
YAY FOR OLD DUDES
I LIKE KYOKO
CHATTER
DOOM
WAAAH
AAHHH
CLICK
THANK YOU.
AND MORE THAN ANYTHING, TO MY READERS...
DYNAMITE

IT WAS EASY TO DRAW HIM BACK THEN.
...KENSUKE'S HAIR USED TO BE MESSY.
ACTUALLY, THIS WAS ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO BE A ONE-SHOT STORY.
IT'S NOT IN THIS VOLUME, BUT...
...AND THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO PLAY A BIGGER PART IN VOLUME 2, SO...
THERE ARE STILL MANY MORE CHARACTERS TO TALK ABOUT...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KITAJIMA
THANKS Y'ALL!
DOOM
WAAAH
わーい
AAHHH
キャー
CLICK
...STICK AROUND!

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